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## **PRESS RELEASE**



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### **FREE HISTORIC HOME DESIGN SEMINAR** **NOVEMBER 13 & 14**

Area residents interested in getting practical advice on how to design, build, add on to or maintain their historic home are invited to attend the *Fall Historic Home Design Seminar* being offered by the City of Norman on November 13 and 14. Residents can select from one of three sessions focused on historic or older homes with topics covering new homes, garages, additions, and “green” maintenance and products.

SESSION 1: Friday, November 13, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

“How Compatible New Homes Enhance Historic Neighborhoods”

“Sensitive Garages Design for Historic Homes”

SESSION 2: Friday, November 13, 1-4:30 p.m.

“Designing Sensitive Additions to Historic Homes”

“Affordable, Green, Energy Efficient Building Products and Methods for Historic Homes”

SESSION 3: Saturday, November 14, 9 a.m.-Noon

“How to Maintain Your Home and be Green”

“How to Pick the Right Contractor for your Home”

Lynn Taylor will be the featured speaker for the sessions. Taylor, owner of Taylor Made Plans in Nashville, TN, is an expert in new house designs that preserve the historic integrity of neighborhoods while offering modern amenities. In addition, Anaïs Starr, Historic Preservation Officer for the City of Norman, will do brief presentations regarding design guidelines for the City of Norman’s two designated historic districts, Chautauqua Historic District and Miller Historic District.

“The workshops are geared for anyone considering an addition to a historic or older home or, or anyone interested in new construction in an historic neighborhood or district,” says Anaïs Starr, Historic Preservation

Officer for the City of Norman. “We hope that property owners, realtors, contractors, developers, architects, neighborhood leaders, preservationists and students will all find valuable information in these sessions.”

Speaker Lynn Taylor will present real world examples of how an inappropriate design can decrease both the value of a historic home and diminish a historic neighborhood. With recent national attention on energy efficiency, two of the sessions will focus on “green” maintenance techniques and products that are appropriate for historic homes. “A session for homeowners on how to pick the right contractor for your historic home project will be helpful to not only historic homeowners but for any home owner” says Ms. Starr. “Resource sheets will be available to session attendees to take home with them for all sessions.”

Norman’s Historic Home Design Seminar will take place at the City of Norman’s City Council Chamber, 201 West Gray Street.

The seminar is sponsored by the Norman Historic District Commission and made possible by a grant from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, through the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office’s Certified Local Government (CLG) program.

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